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SUBJ: CHAIRMANSHIP OF FAO COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND
OTHER CONFERENCES

1. IN MEETING MARCH 16 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OECD/DAC COUNTRIES, UK REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT OECD/DAC COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESS FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, ROME, APRIL 5-9. IN ANY CASE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD AT LEAST OBTAIN FIRST VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP AND SHOULD HAVE AGREED CANDIDATE. HE SUGGESTED APPROACH ON CHAIRMANSHIP COULD BE COUPLED WITH QUESTION OF CHAIRMAN OF FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (EX INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM), ROME APRIL 26-30. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MIGHT PRESS FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF ONE OR THE OTHER, PROBABLY COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY.

2. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN OF MARCH 16 CONSULTATION, WHO WAS LAST CHAIRMAN OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, POINTED OUT THAT NORMAL SEQUENCE OF SUCCESSION IN THAT MEETING HAS EVAPORATED. FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO WOULD NORMALLY HAVE SUCCEEDED TO CHAIRMANSHIP, WAS AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN, WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO YUGOSLAVIA, AND REPORTEDLY COULD NOT RETURN. SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN (WHO IN ANY EVENT
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WOULD HAVE HAD NO ROLE IN SUCCESSION) WAS DIOURY OF SENEGAL,

WHO IS NO LONGER IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S SERVICE.

3. GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE AMONG OTHERS POINTED OUT THAT CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS IS ALSO BEING VACATED BY JANTON OF FRANCE, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED (THOUGH NORMALLY THIS WOULD ROTATE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR NEXT TWO YEARS).

4. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS GORDON FRASER WILL HEAD U.S. DELEGATION, BUT DID NOT SUGGEST FRASER AS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN. (DISREGARDING FRASER'S EMINENT QUALIFICATIONS, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD NOT SEEK CHAIRMANSHIP.) UK SAID THAT J.A.V. DAVIES WOULD HEAD UK DELEGATION.

5. REQUEST U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING ON COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID PROGRAMS AND POLICIES AND COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS.VOLPE

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